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Keep on buying it at home.  
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Don't forget to buy it at home.  
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You should mourn your loss in not attending the big banquet.  
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Mr. Farmer, why not get on the co-operative creamery wagon? It would benefit you and your neighbors.  
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Remember the worthy institution in our midst that is appealing for help by which it may continue its splendid work, which has been going on at Fruitland for seventeen years.

The Brevard News has at last seen the wisdom of charging advertising rates for death resolutions, cards of thanks, bazar notices, etc. Congratulations Brother Jones.

It's delightful to think that Hendersonville has a board of officials with sufficient genuine business courage to seriously tackle a giant like the city hall.

When the Canton Observer recently dwindled in size while installing new office equipment, the Jackson County Journal made a joke of the newspaper's size. Now is a good time for Brother Sentelle to turn the joke on that four page issue of the Journal. What's the trouble Brother Tompkins, and it just before Christmas?

One of the most beautiful things to be seen in Hendersonville during the holidays will be the many colored lithographed Christmas covering of the Democrat for this issue, which contains in addition to a great volume of Christmas reading matter many suggestions from Hendersonville merchants on holiday shopping.

Why not give the Greater Hendersonville club sufficient moral and financial support to enable it to walk straight and carry a high head? But don't do this until we are able to find a leader to discharge its affairs who can command the full confidence and respect of the public. To do this very efficient secretarial duties will have to be performed, and it is not amiss to say that Hendersonville has a great many Missourians just now in this respect.

The Tryon Bee and the Polk County News have merged and the paper comes out under a double heading. Mr. W. F. Little, former editor of the News, will continue to hold down things while Mrs. Morton, former news editor of the Bee, holds an editorial position. The announcement is made that two papers found rough sledding in Tryon. Polk county now has one paper and it has a splendid plant. Some improvements in the paper are announced and we see no reason why an excellent weekly cannot be turned out with the forces united. It has not been but a few days since the writer was in Tryon looking over the situation with a view to purchasing and now we almost envy Editor Little and his possibilities for doing good in the growing county of Polk.

Cold weather is with us again. This means suffering in the community, followed by begging, some deserving and some otherwise. The local charity organization was perfected last year for the purpose of rendering aid to the needy. Good work has been done along this line, weeding out the impostors and helping those in greatest need. The people of Hendersonville are urged to make their contributions of a charitable nature through this organization in order that the charity work of the community may be done to the best advantage. A personal appeal is being made and the public in making gifts should bear in mind that every cent of it will be spent wisely and economically and not until after a thorough investigation into the merits of every case appealing for help.

### APPEAL FOR FRUITLAND.

The appeal elsewhere in the Democrat from Rev. A. I. Justice in behalf of Fruitland Institute deserves a hearty response on the part of Henderson county people.

We heard this appeal in more elaborate form from the pulpit of the First Baptist church Sunday and were so impressed with its merits that we requested Mr. Justice to make it to a larger number of people through the Democrat, hence his contribution.

That Mr. Justice has this splendid institution close to his heart cannot be gainsaid and that Fruitland has done a great work not only for Henderson county but for hundreds of other places is a well established fact, and the character of this training is shown in the excellent product of the school.

Fruitland has struggled along with some improvements in the way of equipment from time to time, but now comes further improvements of which the institution is greatly in need, and when we take into consideration what it means to Henderson county and surrounding territory we can see the merit of the appeal which deserves a response that should guarantee the speedy completion of the Administration building.

### THE CLUB BANQUET.

The Greater Hendersonville club banquet at the Kentucky Home Tuesday night of last week was quite an auspicious occasion. It was a most timely event, which was filled with a feast of good things both for the mind and appetite.

The response on the part of such a large number of well-wishers of the club was conclusive proof that its many accomplishments have not been forgotten, and their presence is taken to mean that interest continues in the city's commercial organization, which is endeavoring to get on its feet again.

Events of this kind, where they are largely attended, and where social and business affairs are mixed, are indeed good for our people since they tend to harmonize conditions and give us an outlook as to the future.

That Mrs. Gover, proprietress of the hotel, should spread such a feast at the reasonable price of 50 cents is a matter of encouragement to the club, and while she will never injure her well-deserved reputation by serving meals when they come up to the standard of that on Tuesday night, she felt that she could have done herself and the banqueters greater

justice at a price more in keeping with the bountiful spread.

All in all it was one of Hendersonville's greatest events the outcome of which can not be accurately estimated. It was the call to greater service in this community and the people should give the club their unstinted moral and financial support.

### THE THERMAL BELT.

The Democrat last week carried an interesting article from the pen of Elias McDowell of Macon county fifty-seven years ago on the subject of the thermal belt. This shows that people were giving consideration to this phenomenon before the Civil war. The fact that Mr. McDowell's interesting theory of this peculiar climate condition in certain parts of North Carolina was given publicity by the government goes to show that there must have been something logical about his conclusions.

We wish that the Franklin Press, which reproduced the findings of Mr. McDowell, would tell us something about the man who was digging into this question which the government has lately been investigating in the vicinity of Tryon, which has won a great name for itself on account of the influences of the noted thermal belt.

Was he a government official, professional man, or what was his station in life?

### THE CITY HALL QUESTION.

The announcement of the intention of the city commissioners to remodel or sell the city hall will come as delightful news to the majority of Hendersonville's population.

If there is any one thing Hendersonville especially needs it is an auditorium. The county court house serves well for a plain occasion without any frills but when it comes to general entertainment we have no facilities.

The tentative plans call for changes which will convert a practically useless building into something attractive with a view to utility. The building as it has stood for years, condemned as we understand, is but little short of a main street gigantic eyesore, which could be converted into quarters which would be equal for some years to the needs of Hendersonville, at present a resort city without suitable quarters for the administration of its numerous and growing business affairs.

Here's hoping that the courage and business foresight of our officials will not fall short of improvements much needed.

### A FEW EARLY SUGGESTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

There is always a danger of overdoing the giving of useful presents, but nevertheless I am going to urge you to make your presents useful. Last year I saw a very funny picture illustrating this, a Santa Claus knocking at the door of the regions infernal, delivering his gift of a block of ice.

In urging this I do not mean that one will take joy in receiving a suit of underclothes as a gift from father when he would have bought the clothes, Christmas or no Christmas. I do mean, however, that an unusually nice suit would be a gift.

A few bulbs to be grown in the house would be acceptable to almost any woman.

Decorations for the Christmas tree are good. Last year at one of the community Christmas trees a poor little invalid did not know what to give, and so she fashioned a long wreath of red roses from some tissue paper she possessed, and it was one of the most decorative things on the tree. She could not give joy to the individual, so she gave it to the whole community.

Strings of popcorn or red berries of any kind made beautiful decorations that mothers of small children would frequently appreciate.

Women like many things for the kitchen, as potato ricers, a ginger cookie cutter in the shape of a man or an elephant, or anything else amusing to children; a good set of pie tins, or mats, or dollies make good presents.

It is not necessary to stick to the conventional gift, however. A woman is glad to get a useful or pretty basket, but a delicious pie or salad makes a most unexpected present. If you are going to give one of the little casseroles that are so cheap and pretty, put

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It would be discrimination to allow the discount after the 10th, so don't ask us to do so, and thus save us the embarrassment of refusing, because we most positively must and will refuse.

Again, we wish to say that only under extreme conditions will we carry over accounts from month to month. This means that if you fail to pay your account by the 10th it will be due gross by the 15th and if not so paid by that night, service will be discontinued.

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# W. M. GUILL

"The Home of Good Things to Eat."

in it a little bread pudding that all the children can enjoy. Suppose you have a neighbor girl who loves pretty things. She would enjoy a new blue velvet flower for her hat as much as anything you could give her. You have another friend who wishes she could get some tulle to make over her dress. Suppose you give her the material. Another has great difficulty in getting to town but sews well—a pattern of a pretty dress or apron would help her. Another one has not the time to make herself some bedroom slippers—she would enjoy some of them. If you wish to spend a little money a mouth organ will make music, and if there are many of you to make one gift you could all club together and buy a Victrola.

I have one friend who for years gave me a little home-made calendar, and when she stopped and began to give me more pretentious things I was sorry. Postcard pictures of your house are good to send to distant friends, and if you are at all nimble with needle and paint brush or scissors very pretty candle shades can be made.

I know some people who live where it is very difficult to obtain beef and fresh meat. They seem to enjoy their gift of beef steak and grape fruit more than ten times the amount of money spent otherwise.

Then last but not least, is the gift of your own self. There are two dear, little, old ladies, poor and frail. One Christmas morning they came in and said, "We have no gift for you, so we thought we could come and just

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wish you a merry Christmas." Just as one of them was leaving she put a lovely, bright red apple in my hand and said, "This apple is so bright that it makes me think of your home." One's home were a dismal handbox would feel bright after that—such is the power of suggestion.—Mrs. W. A. Hutt in Progressive Farmer.

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